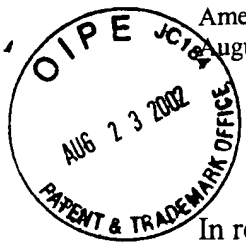


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RESPONSE TO RESTICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This submission is responsive to the Office Action mailed on 08/05/2002
(hereinafter the "last Office Action").

In The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 4 with the following
paragraph:

The present invention relates to dual-damascene processes and floating metal structures. A floating metal structure is also disclosed in commonly-assigned US Application No. 10/059,823 , Attorney Docket No. 10002.000300 (PM01042), entitled "METHOD OF FORMING A FLOATING METAL STRUCTURE IN AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT", filed on January 29, 2002, by Mira Ben-Tzur, Krishnaswamy Ramkumar, James Hunter, T. J. Rodgers, Mike Bruner, and Kiyoko Ikeuchi. The just mentioned US Application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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